

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230, Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act.

Senate agreed to the motion to recede in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 5021, Highway and Transportation Funding Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5159–S5285

Measures Introduced: Sixty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2714–2773, S.J. Res. 41, S. Res. 531–535, and S. Con. Res. 42.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1771, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon. (S. Rept. No. 113–225)

S. 1800, to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–226)

S. 1946, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–227)

S. 1965, to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services. (S. Rept. No. 113–228)

S. 2010, to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–229)

S. 2019, to reauthorize and update certain provisions of the Secure Water Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 113–230)

H.R. 1963, to amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power

privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–231)

S. 2741, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. (S. Rept. No. 113–233)

S. 2250, to extend the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–234)

S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. (S. Rept. No. 113–235)

S. 1214, to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 113–236)

S. 1486, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–237)

S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–238)

S. 2042, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–239)

S. 2519, to codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–240)

H.R. 606, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 815 County Road 23 in Tyrone, New York, as the “Specialist Christopher Scott Post Office Building”.

H.R. 1671, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin, California, as the “James ‘Jim’ Kohnen Post Office”.

H.R. 2291, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 450 Lexington Avenue in New York, New York, as the “Vincent R. Sombrotto Post Office”.

H.R. 3472, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13127 Broadway Street in Alden, New York, as the “Sergeant Brett E. Gornewicz Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 3765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 198 Baker Street in Corning, New York, as the “Specialist Ryan P. Jayne Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4194, to provide for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S.Rep.No 113-232)

H.R. 4197, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the period of certain authority with respect to judicial review of Merit Systems Protection Board decisions relating to whistleblowers.

S. 2117, to amend title 5, United States Code, to change the default investment fund under the Thrift Savings Plan. **Pages S5215–16**

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 111, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make certain corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3230. **Pages S5208–09**

Jason Crisp Forest Service Building: Senate passed H.R. 4360, to designate the facility of the United States Forest Service for the Grandfather Ranger District located at 109 Lawing Drive in Nebo, North Carolina, as the “Jason Crisp Forest Service Building”. **Page S5312**

Autism CARES Act: Senate passed H.R. 4631, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism. **Page S5312**

Improving Trauma Care Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3548, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5312**

William H. Gray III 30th Street Station: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4838, to redesignate the railroad station located at 2955 Market Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, commonly known as “30th Street Station”, as the

“William H. Gray III 30th Street Station”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5312**

Nuclear Cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Senate passed S.J. Res. 36, relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5312–13**

Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 502, concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5313–14**

Warsaw Uprising 70th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. **Page S5314**

Condemning the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17: Senate agreed to S. Res. 520, condemning the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 and expressing condolences to the families of the victims, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5314–15**

Pryor (for Murphy) Amendment No. 3779, to make a technical correction. **Page S5314**

U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit Support: Senate agreed to S. Res. 522, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. from August 4 through 6, 2014. **Page S5315**

Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 231, to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. **Page S5315**

National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 532, designating the week beginning September 7, 2014, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”. **Page S5315**

National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 533, designating September 2014 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S5315**

Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 534, designating September 6, 2014, as “Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day”. **Page S5315**

Authorizing Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 535, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual. **Page S5315**

Measures Considered:

Election Contributions and Expenditures: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 19, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Page S5197**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of S. 2648, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S5159–5197, S5197–S5206**

Pursuant to Section 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, a 306 point of order having been sustained on S. 2648, the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. All of the following amendments thereto fell, and the cloture motion thereon was rendered moot: **Pages S5204-05, S5310**

Reid Amendment No. 3750, to change the enactment date. **Page S5197**

Reid Amendment No. 3751 (to Amendment No. 3750), of a perfecting nature. (By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5197, S5204**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3752, to change the enactment date. **Page S5197**

Reid Amendment No. 3753 (to (the instructions) Reid Amendment No. 3752), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5197**

Reid Amendment No. 3754 (to Amendment No. 3753), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5197**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action: By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to S. 2648. Subsequently, a point of order that the bill was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, and that the bill contained matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget, was sustained. **Page S5205**

Conference Reports:

Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act: By 91 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 254), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230, making continuing appropriations during a

Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period, by the order of the Senate of Thursday, July 31, 2014, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative. **Pages S5206–09**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 86 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 253), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, and all applicable budget resolutions, with respect to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230, making continuing appropriations during a Government shutdown to provide pay and allowances to members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who perform inactive-duty training during such period. Subsequently, the point of order that the emergency designation provision contained in section 803(b) of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3230, was in violation of Section 403(e)(1) of the FY 2010 Budget Resolution, S. Con. Res. 13, was not sustained. **Page S5207**

House Messages:

Highway and Transportation Funding Act: Senate began consideration of the House message to H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and taking action on the following motion proposed thereto: **Page S5209**

Adopted:

By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to recede in the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S5209**

Appointments:

State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 110–298, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mike Hettich of Kentucky. **Page S5315**

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Public Service Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107–12, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Service Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Berl Perdue of Kentucky. **Page S5316**

Pryor Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Jill A. Pryor, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S5209–11**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 58 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 256), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5211**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be expired, and at 5:30 p.m., on Monday September 8, 2014, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order to the nomination. **Page S5209**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

John Francis Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation. **Pages S5284, S5310**

Laura Junor, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Pages S5284, S5310**

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

30 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5284–85, S5310–12**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rafael J. Lopez, of Maryland, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Carmen Amalia Corrales, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2015.

Manson K. Brown, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Allison Dale Burroughs, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Amit Priyavadan Mehta, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Brodi L. Fontenot, of Louisiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Andrew LaMont Eanes, of Kansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Robert T. Yamate, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2020.

P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Pages S5275–84**

Messages from the House: **Pages S5213-14**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S5159, S5214**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S5214, S5315**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5305–10**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5236–75**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5275**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—256) **Pages S5204–05, S5207–09, S5211**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5316.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL PRODUCTS FOR STUDENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financial